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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
—OF THE—  
**School Directors**  
—OF THE—  
**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
—FOR THE—  
**Year Ending June 30, 1913**  
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## SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Orders drawn.

No.

1	W. M. Taber, for papering and painting	\$ 29.78
2	W. M. Taber, for papering and painting at Hanks- ville	38.59
3	M. D. Dimick, Insurance	8.20
4	J. H. Morton, school reports	11.80
5	Geo. M. Chapman, wood No. Village school	13.13
6	Geo. M. Chapman, wood, Pierce school	8.75
7	L. E. Prior, Supt.'s. salary July 1 to Aug. 12	28.74
8	M. E. Stevens, wood for East St. school	7.50
9	Georgia Pierce, teaching No. Village school	36.00
10	Tuition, Pauline Tart at Montpelier Seminary	8.00
11	Mrs. Emily Lovely, boarding Tart girl	3.00
12	Marion Sanborn, teacher 4 weeks	32.00
13	Lila Goodrich, teacher 4 weeks	40.00
14	L. E. Prior, Supt.'s. salary Aug. 12 to Sept. 23	28.74
15	Georgia Pierce, teacher No. Village	36.00
16	Marion Sanborn, teacher, Pierce distirct	32.00
17	Tuttle Company	1.80
18	Ginn Company, by Prior	15.70
19	American Book Company	14.36
20	D. C. Heath Company	2.25
21	Edward E. Babb	1.25
22	Milton Bradley & Co.	22.85
23	L. E. Prior, Supt.'s. salary Sept. 23 to Nov. 4	28.74
24	Marion Sanborn, teacher	32.00
25	Milton Bradley & Co., blackboard, Pierce school	4.56
26	Georgia Pierce, teacher	36.00
27	Lila Goodrich, teacher	80.00
28	Martha Tomlinson, teacher	86.00
29	Alma Taft, teacher	102.00
30	Elmer Wheelock, conveying scholars	12.00
31	Charles Drinkwater, janitor	3.00

32	Mary Hill, conveying scholars	2.00
33	John Carpenter, conveying scholars	57.00
34	Geo. M. Chapman, labor and money paid	5.25
35	Library Bureau, school supplies	6.25
36	B. C. Shattuck, labor and school supplies	5.30
37	Emily Lovely, boarding Tart girl	2.25
38	L. G. Brace, conveying scholars	12.00
39	Bert Gillette, conveying scholars	8.00
40	Mrs. Royal Gorton, boarding Tart girl	2.00
41	J. W. Fargo, director's work	5.95
42	L. E. Prior, Supt's. salary Nov. 4 to Dec. 16	28.74
43	Mrs. Clayton Sweet, conveyance	12.00
44	Ruric Liberty, janitor	3.00
45	Mrs. Maud Dwire, boarding Chas. Dwire's children	14.25
46	B. C. Shattuck, by paid for conveyance	5.60
47	B. C. Shattuck, 5 cords wood	6.25
48	Marion E. Sanborn, teacher	32.00
49	Lila Goodrich, teacher	40.00
50	Ginn & Co.	17.40
51	St. Michael's College, tuition for Rolla Sargent	8.00
52	M. E. Stevens, wood	1.50
53	Georgia Pierce, teacher	80.00
54	Marion E. Sanborn, teacher	32.00
55	Martha Tomlinson, teacher	56.00
56	Marion E. Sanborn, janitor work	2.00
57	Geo. M. Chapman, cleaning and banking schoolhouse	2.00
58	Porter Mulford, janitor and attending school	5.00
59	John Carpenter, conveying	44.00
60	Chas. Drinkwater, janitor work	3.00
61	M. E. Stevens, wood	3.00
62	E. E. Wheelock, conveying	11.00
63	Montpelier Seminary, tuition for Pauline Tart	8.00
64	Alma Taft, teacher	68.00
65	L. E. Prior, Supt's. salary	28.74



66	M. E. Stevens, wood	3.00
67	Bert Gillette, conveying scholars	8.00
68	Mary Hill, conveying scholars	2.00
69	Lila Goodrich, teacher	40.00
70	Ruric Liberty, janitor	2.50
71	Ralph Gardner, conveyance	9.70
72	L. G. Brace, conveyance	7.80
73	J. W. Fargo, truant work, labor and money paid out	14.40
74	John Miles, supplies	1.05
75	Mrs. Clayton Sweet, conveyance	11.20
76	B. C. Shattuck, janitor work and broom	3.35
77	Mrs. R. E. Gorton, boarding Greta Tart	10.50
78	L. E. Prior, Supt's. salary	28.74
79	Howard Fargo, tuition at Richmond high school	7.77
80	Ila Kenyon, tuition at Richmond high school	7.77
81	Glen Johnson, tuition Richmond high school	7.77
82	Clara Thompson, tuition Richmond high school	7.77
83	Montpelier Seminary, tuition for Pauline Tart	8.00
84	Town Bristol, tuition for Ralph Brewster	10.00
85	J. C. Drinkwater, cleaning schoolhouse	3.00
86	J. W. Fargo, paid Mrs. Manell	2.00
87	B. C. Shattuck, cleaning schoolhouse	2.00
88	Mrs. R. E. Gorton, cleaning schoolhouse	2.00
89	St. Michael's College, tuition Rolla Sargent	8.00
90	L. E. Prior, Supt's. salary	28.74
91	Lila Goodrich, teacher	40.00
92	Marion E. Sanborn, teacher	32.00
93	L. E. Prior, Supt's. salary	28.74
94	Marion Sanborn, teacher	32.00
95	Georgia Pierce, teacher	100.00
96	Mrs. H. J. Stevens, for conveying scholars from Sherman Hollow 10 weeks	50.00
97	Gladys Johnson, teacher	70.00
98	Lila Goodrich, teacher	60.00

99	Ruel Martin, janitor	2.00
100	Chas. Drinkwater, janitor	3.00
101	E. E. Wheelock, conveyance	10.00
102	Bert Gillette, conveyance	12.00
103	Ginn & Co., supplies	6.83
104	American Book Co., supplies	4.96
105	J. L. Hammett, & Co., supplies	3.91
106	Alma Taft, teacher	85.00
107	Marion E. Sanborn, teacher	16.00
108	L. G. Brace, conveyance	14.45
109	Stella Russell, janitor work	2.00
110	Marion Sanborn, janitor work	2.00
111	Geo. M. Chapman, taking census	6.72
112	Geo. M. Chapman, 1-2 days work	.75
113	J. W. Fargo, truant work and money paid out	4.35
114	B. C. Shattuck, money paid out	4.75
115	Clayton Tart, conveyance	7.70
116	F. H. Beane, $\frac{1}{2}$ days work	1.00
117	F. H. Small, $\frac{1}{2}$ days work	1.00
118	J. W. Fargo, $\frac{1}{2}$ days work	1.00
119	Myrtie Liberty, conveyance	4.25

#### FALL TERM.

Oct. 30, 1912, Truant Work.

Went out to Fred Dwire's to get his girl to school	.50
Nov. 1.	
Went up to Ctr. to get Ezra Kimball's children to school	.50
Nov. 4.	

Went up to Hanksville to get Moodey boy to school	1.25
Nov. 5 Went up to Clate Tart's to get his girl to school	1.50

#### WINTER TERM

Dec. 4, Went up to Hanksville to get Morrill children to school	1.50
Dec. 9, Went up to Clate Tart's to get his girl to school	1.50

Dec. 20, Went up to Hanksville to get Jennie Monroe to school	1.50
Jan. 24, 1913, Went up to Hanksville to get Liberty boy and Monroe girl to school	1.50
Director Work.	
Aug. 28, 1912, Went up to see Fred Sherman about conveying scholars	.75
Aug. 29, Went up to Wheelock's to see about his conveying scholars	.50
Aug. 31, Went out to Pierce District and got some seats and moved them up to East Street schoolhouse	1.75
Oct. 31, Got a dust pan for North Village school	.10
Dec. 3, Paid for broom for North Village school	.35

## WINTER TERM OF SCHOOL.

Dec. 11, 1912, Paid for bell rope and putting on	.50
Dec. 11, Labor and money paid for shingles and nails for North Village school house	2.25
Dec. 14, Paid for Frank Morrill's girl, leggings and rubbers at Hine's	2.65
Dec. 17, Paid B. F. O'Brien, for Order Books	1.75

## SPRING TERM.

## Truant Work.

April 28, 1913, Went up to Hanksville and got the Monroe girl to school	1.25
April 29, Went up Centre and got Ezra Kimball's girl to school	.50
April 30, Went up to Hanksville to get the Moodey boy to school	1.25

## SPRING TERM 1913.

School Director work and money paid out for broom for East St. school	.35
Money paid for postage, stationary and telephoning	1.00

## FALL TERM.

8 window shades at	.25
	2.00



Pencils	.20
Rope	.10
Lila Trombly, sweeping	1.00
Fay Shattuck, building fires	1.50
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	\$ 4.80

## WINTER TERM.

1 broom	.35
Fred Shattuck, janitor work	3.00
E. O. Gorton, 5 cords wood at \$1.25	6.25
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	9.60

## SPRING TERM.

Fay Shattuck, building fires	1.50
Fred Shattuck, sweeping	1.00
Glass and putting in same	.40
Work on fence and posts	.50
1 broom	.35
Mrs. Joe Nicholson, cleaning schoolhouse	2.00
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	5.75

## HANKSVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE

Aug. 10, Walter M. Taber, labor	3.00
Aug. 12, 1 days labor	3.00
Aug. 13, 9 hours labor	2.70
Aug. 14, 9 hours labor	2.70
Aug. 15, 9 hours labor	2.70
Aug. 16, 9 hours labor	2.70
Aug. 17, 6 hours labor	1.80
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Labor	\$ 18.60
To 4 gals. paint at 1.85	7.40
To 1½ pint dryer	.30



To 1 quart shellac	.65	
To 1 pint Den alcohol	.15	
To 2 lbs. black at .20	.40	
To 1-4 lbs. Prussian Blue	.15	
To 1 lb. Raw Umber at .30	.30	
To 1 can pipe enamel	.25	
To 66 lbs. white lead at 9c	5.84	
To 2½ qts. turpentine at .40	.50	
To 4½ gals. Linseed oil at .90	4.05	
Material		<hr/> 19.99
Balance due		<hr/> 38.59

## GEO. M. CHAPMAN ACCT., PIERCE DIST.

Aug. 23	5 cd. wood	\$ 8.75
Aug. 26	Clerk work	.50
Sept. 7	Work on school house	1.00
Sept. 16	Oilcloth, tacks and stove blacking	.75
Sept. 27	Drawing paper	.30
Sept. 28	Mrs. Sanborn for teaching four weeks	32.00
Oct. 31	Putting up blackboards, 2 hours	.30
Oct. 26	Mrs. Sanborn, for teaching four weeks	32.00
Nov. 4	Broom	.40
Nov. 23	Mrs. Sanborn, for teaching four weeks	32.00
Nov. 25	Edward Salvas, janitor work	2.00
Nov. 27	Cleaning and banking schoolhouse	2.25
Dec. 28	Mrs. Sanborn, for teaching four weeks	32.00
Jan. 24	Mrs. Sanborn, for teaching four weeks	32.00
Jan. 24	Mrs. Sanborn, for janitor work	2.00
April 10	Paid Mr. Pierce for cleaning closet	.50
April 12	Telephoning Mrs. Sanborn	.25
May 17	Mrs. Sanborn, for teaching four weeks	32.00
May 22	Cash paid out	.25
June 13	Mrs. Sanborn, for teaching four weeks	32.00
June 27	Mrs. Sanborn, for teaching two weeks	16.00

June 27 Mrs. Sanborn, for janitor work	2.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 261.25
Geo. M. Chapman, taking school census	5.72

## RECEIPTS.

Unexpended bal. last year	\$ 111.61
Raised on Grand List of 1912	1937.05
Received on State Tax	275.09
Received from Permanent school Fund	72.61
Received on acct. Union Supervision	182.67
Received rent of school lands	39.80
	<hr/> \$ 2618.83

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages	\$ 1293.00
Paid Superintendent salary	229.92
Paid School Directors for services	11.97
Paid for books, supplies and fuel	241.57
Paid for janitors	36.50
Paid for transportation and board	335.70
Paid for tuitions to High School s	81.80
Paid for truant officers' services	12.75
Paid for Insurances	8.20
Paid for miscellaneous	9.00
	<hr/> \$ 2259.69
Surplus to the Credit of Board	\$368.87



This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the School Directors of this town and found them correct.

F. H. BEANE	}	Auditors
F. H. SMALL		of
H. A. ALGER		Huntington.

Huntington, Vt., June 30, 1913.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the School Board of Huntington:*

Herewith is submitted my fourth annual report, it being the fourth, also, since the formation of the present union district.

There have been maintained in town during the past year five schools of thirty weeks each. As to whether thirty weeks is a school year of sufficient length there can be but little question. This point will be discussed later on in this report. The general conduct of the schools as to administration, course of study, etc., has been along the lines heretofore followed. In this report, therefore, I wish to take up several points which seem to me of importance.

### TEACHERS.

The following is the list of teachers for the year:

School	Fall Term	Winter Term	Spring Term
Hanksvlie	Alma Taft	Alma Taft	Alma Taft
Center	Lila Goodrich	Lila Goodrich	Lila Goodrich
Pierce	Marion Sanborn	Marion Sanborn	Marion Sanborn
N. Village	Georgia Pierce	Georgia Pierce	Georgia Pierce
E. Street	Martha Tomlinson	Martha Tomlinson	Gladys Johnson

It will be seen from above that there was only one change in the teaching force during the year. At the beginning of

the year in Sept. only two changes occurred over last year. Mrs. Taft took the school in Hanksville, and Mrs. Tomlinson the East Street school. This is a decided improvement over last year when five changes occurred during that time, and the work accomplished has been correspondingly better.

Whatever else a school may possess in the matter of location, equipment, physical surroundings and the like, the value of these, to a large extent, depends upon the teacher. In the hands of a teacher devoted to her work, skillful in the technique of her calling, and mindful of the possibilities open to her they may be made of incalculable value, but without these qualities on her part their value is largely lost except in an indirect way. Hence the importance of the selection and retention of teachers. Of course, the salary question plays a very important part in the solution of the problem. As given by the state school report the average weekly wage for 1912 of the teachers in Huntington was \$8.17. In this respect Huntington stands fourteenth among the twenty towns and incorporated districts of Chittenden county. This, of course, is not large, and most people will agree that it will have to be larger in the future if good teachers are to be secured and retained, yet it shows a slight increase over previous years, and indicates progress in the right direction. The law recently enacted whereby a town receives a rebate of one dollar per week for every trained teacher whom it employs and pays a certain minimum salary will have a decided effect in raising salaries and securing trained teachers. This minimum salary is \$7 per week and board for every graduate of a Normal school or teacher training course who is new in the work, and \$8 per week and board to teachers who have had this same training and who, in addition have had a certain amount of experience. In engaging new teachers this fact is well worth consideration. In the majority of cases the teachers have shown, during the past year, a very commendable spirit of faithfulness.



## BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT.

During the summer vacation the buildings in Hanksville and at the Center were painted on the inside, and the latter one was papered. This has added to their appearance and comfort. At the Center, from the proceeds of a school entertainment five or six good pictures were bought which greatly helps the looks of the room. The building at the North Village is very much in need of repairs. The water has entered through the roof and soaked through the ceiling. This has made a large mouldy spot there. The building should be painted both inside and out. These repairs ought to be made before the school opens in the fall.

According to a regulation of the State Board of Health the common drinking cup is prohibited from all public places, and this includes schools. In some of the schools in Huntington these cups have been taken away and will have to be in all next year. The pupils will have to provide themselves with individual cups, or be furnished with them, but this is of little advantage when the water is contained in a pail into which all dip their cups. This condition, however, can be remedied to a large extent. A galvanized iron tank with faucet attached, and provided with a cover can be made at slight expense. This keeps the water free from dust, and removes the necessity of dipping the cup into the water. All the schools could be so equipped at an expenditure of not more than ten dollars. Could not this be done? Supt. Kern, of Winnebago county, Iowa, begins his annual report this year with this slogan: "Let prosperity come to the country school," and thus defines prosperity: "Let prosperity come to the country school to the degree that every country child can attend a sanitary school house, situated in an attractive play ground, all in charge of a good teacher who is in sympathy with country life." The above condition will come, I believe, not all at once, but by each community doing a little each year toward

this end. The desirability of this end, I venture to say, all firmly believe in.

### LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Mention was made in the beginning of thirty weeks as the length of the school year. Is this adequate to accomplish the demands made upon the schools? To any one who is at all familiar with the things now demanded I think he will have no hesitation in answering that it is not adequate. Under this condition the following things happen. Because of the desire to accomplish the amount of work required much of it is merely skimmed over without the drill in fundamentals which is necessary; the pupils, lacking this thoroughness, soon get discouraged and loses interest in school work, the long vacation also tends to this result; and if, by chance, some pupils do accomplish the amount of work required thoroughly, it is done under too great pressure.

We frequently hear the complaint that pupils in a certain school are not getting along as well as are those in another town, without taking into consideration the fact that perhaps that other town has 36 or 38 weeks of school. If at least 32 weeks could be given the schools of this town it would be of very material benefit to them. I trust that this may be done.

### ATTENDANCE.

The total number of pupils enrolled during the past year was 143, the average daily attendance was 100.33, the per cent of attendance was 93.8. The standing of the different schools in this respect was as follows:

School	Enrollment	Ave. Attendance	per cent	tardiness
No. Vill.	45	31.6	96.5	6
Pierce	14	9.51	95.5	3
Center	43	32.4	93.7	67
Hanks.	25	17.8	92.4	175
E. Street	16	9.02	91.2	85



The enrollment, of course, varies from term to term. The above includes all who have attended school during the year. The per cent of attendance this year is slightly above what it was last year, when it was 93 per cent, and a very good improvement over 1911 when it was 90 per cent. 337 tardy marks are reported for the year. There ought to be improvement along this line. Punctuality is a virtue that can be acquired, and it is one that will have a bearing on the success of pupils in their future life. Tardiness can be eliminated in the great majority of cases by the active co-operation of parents and teachers.

This matter of regular attendance has not yet received the attention from parents that its importance demands. At the most a pupil in Huntington can get only 150 days of school. If he is absent ten or fifteen days during the year he gets only 27 or 28 weeks of school. Even this is not the worst of it. These absences scattered along through the year make a serious break in his school work, destroys his interest, and interferes materially with his progress. No parent can justly complain of the progress his child is making in school if he allows him to be irregular in attendance for any reason.

### CENTRAL SCHOOL.

The question of one central school to which all the pupils in town would be transported has been briefly discussed in a previous report, but the relation this has to the general school policy of the town justifies continual references to it. It is evident to any one that the schools should be so organized as to get the greatest possible returns for the money spent, and to equalize, as far as possible, the opportunities offered. With all the schools housed in one building both these ends could be realized. There are approximately 125 pupils in Huntington. With these pupils in one building they could be grouped in four schools of reasonable size. Teachers could be selected

especially adapted to the grades in each room. Thus grouped and properly graded a course of study could be planned which would guide more effectively the work of each school. Nor are the transportation difficulties in Huntington such as to render this inadvisable. The results obtained, I am confident, would fully justify this plan of organization. It is to be hoped that this will be carefully considered by the citizens of Huntington.

#### GENERAL.

The average cost of schools per week in 1912 for this town was \$15.80, the average yearly cost per pupil was \$18.52. The amount expended for books and supplies during the year was \$99.81. Taking the total enrollment of 143 pupils this was a fraction over 69c per pupil.

In conclusion permit me to extend to the board and citizens of Huntington my thanks for the support given.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON E. PRIOR.













